

Rebuttal to Argument in Favor of Proposition 85

NO LAW CAN FORCE FAMILIES TO COMMUNICATE.

Of course, parents rightfully want to be involved in their teenagers' lives, but in the REAL WORLD, some teenagers live in dangerous homes. Some parents are violent or sexually abuse their daughters.

IN THE REAL WORLD, Proposition 85:

- **WON'T STOP CHILD PREDATORS.** Backers are exploiting our fear of predators to advance their own political agenda.
- **WON'T REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY.**
- **PUTS TEENS AT RISK.** Scared, pregnant teens from abusive families won't go to court...but they may resort to dangerous back-alley abortions – or even consider suicide.
- **MEANS DANGEROUS DELAYS IN CRITICAL MEDICAL CARE.** The New England Journal of Medicine reported that, after a law like this took effect, some pregnant teens waited months to seek care, getting riskier second trimester abortions.

The California Supreme Court found “overwhelming” evidence that similar laws in other states cause real harm to teenagers and families.

Don't be misled.

For ninety years, Planned Parenthood has been a trusted provider of quality healthcare. Caring staff counsel pregnant teens to talk to parents – and most do.

Planned Parenthood and other family planning clinics COMPLY WITH ALL CALIFORNIA LAWS ON CHILD ABUSE REPORTING. To charge NOW that they protect criminals is ridiculous. The U.S. Inspector General recently found this accusation just plain false.

The San Jose Mercury News says Proposition 85 is “*PART OF A LARGER STRATEGY TO CHIP AWAY AT LEGALIZED ABORTION IN THE UNITED STATES.*”

Prop 85 threatens teens...and a whole lot more.

VOTE NO.

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REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF

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PROPOSITION 85

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